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Examiner

Maury Audet

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/07/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 22-31.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

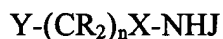
An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Li Cai, Attorney for Applicant, on April 27, 2005 and January 09, 2006.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 20 in its entirety, with the following new claim 31:

31. A compound of formula:



where :

X is C=O or CR₂;

n is an integer of value 1 to 6;

Y is R¹R²CR-where one of R¹ and R² is -NH(B)_pZ¹ and the other

is -CO(B)_qZ² where

p and q are integers of value 0 to 30, and

each B is independently chosen from Q or an amino acid residue,

where Q is a cyclic peptide;

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Z^1 and Z^2 are metal complexing agents (L) or other protecting groups,
which are

biocompatible groups which inhibit or suppress *in vivo* metabolism of the
peptide;

J and each R are independently chosen from H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkenyl, C₁₋₄
alkynyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxyalkyl or C₁₋₄ hydroxyalkyl;

with the proviso that:

- (i) when X is CR₂, then Z^2 is a metal complexing agent (L);
- (ii) at least one of R¹ and R² bears at least one detectable moiety suitable for
diagnostic imaging of the human body;
- (iii) R¹ and R² include one or more of the peptide sequence consisting of
NQE QVSPYTLLKG (SEQ ID NO: 2), which is a peptide fragment of α_2 -antiplasmin.

In claims 22, 24, 29, and 30, at line 1, the number "20" has been changed
to --31--.

Claim 20-21 have been cancelled without prejudice.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph, in it's entirety, at the bottom of page 14 of the specification:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1: Imaging of clots induced in a rat model with ^{99m}Tc -Compound 5.

Images shown were acquired at 15 min p.i., 30 min p.i., 60 min p.i., and 180 min p.i.

Fig. 2: Imaging of clots induced in a rat model with ^{99m}Tc -Compound 5:
detailed image at 180 min p.i.

Conclusion

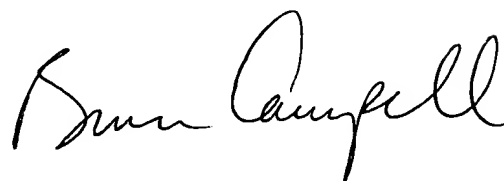
Claims 22-31 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached from 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM, off Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campbell can be reached at 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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MA, 01/10/2005



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